

Amendments of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling a television tuner comprising:

an on-screen television scheduling system separate from the television tuner configured to generate a display of television schedule information including listings of television programs in a guide format and receive a user selection of a displayed television program listing as a first channel selection command unrecognizable by the television tuner;

converting means coupled to the on-screen television scheduling system for converting the first channel selection command to a second channel selection command recognizable by the television tuner; and

a control signal means for transmitting the second channel selection command to the television tuner for causing the tuner to tune to the selected television program.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the on-screen television scheduling system resides in a recording means.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the television tuner resides in a cable decoder.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a memory storing a conversion code for converting the first channel selection command to the second channel selection command.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the on-screen television scheduling system is configured to receive a desired activation time for the selected television program.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the control signal means transmits the second channel selection command at the activation time.

7. (Original) The system of claim 5 further comprising means for supplying recording commands to a recording means at the activation time.

8. (Original) A method for controlling a television tuner comprising:

invoking an on-screen television scheduling system separate from the television tuner to generate a display of television schedule information including listings of television programs in a guide format and receive a user selection of a displayed television program listing as a first channel selection command;

converting the first channel selection command to a second channel selection command recognizable by the television tuner;

transmitting the second channel selection

command to the television tuner; and
tuning to the selected television program.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the on-screen television scheduling system resides in a recording means.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the television tuner resides in a cable decoder.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising storing a conversion code for converting the first channel selection command to the second channel selection command.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising receiving a desired activation time for the selected television program.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising transmitting the second channel selection command at the activation time.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising supplying recording commands to a recording means at the activation time.

15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the converting means is capable of preventing execution of the first channel selection command at a recording device in order to keep the recording device tuned to a fixed channel, and

wherein the recording device is capable of recording the selected television program on the fixed channel.

16. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving, at a recording means, instructions for recording a first user-selected television program broadcast on a first television channel and a second user-selected television program broadcast on a second television channel, wherein the recording means is capable of recording the first television program and the second television program while tuned to a control channel.

17. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the control channel is different from the first television channel and the second television channel.